

October 13, 2010

MEMORANDUM TO: R. W. Borchardt  
Executive Director for Operations

FROM: Annette L. Vietti-Cook, Secretary **/RA/**

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS – SECY-10-0112 – REPORT  
REGARDING ENCOURAGING STATES AND LICENSEES TO  
COMPLETE NATIONAL SOURCE TRACKING SYSTEM  
CREDENTIALING AND TO USE THE SYSTEM  
ELECTRONICALLY

The Commission has approved the staff's recommended Option 1, to continue with the current regulatory requirements, with continuing efforts and developments to promote credentialing for on-line access to the National Source Tracking System (NSTS) by licensees, to investigate other viable authentication means, and to streamline alternative electronic methods to input transaction information into the NSTS.

The staff should evaluate whether the NSTS should remain a level 4 system. If the NSTS applies a Level 3 system, the credentialing challenges and burden on users that currently characterizes access to the system will be reduced significantly. The staff should provide to the Commission a paper for its review and approval with the pros and cons of changing to a level 3 access system including expected resource impacts from changing the system, the benefit that might be gained, the type of information that would be required from the licensees to access the system, the expected challenges in implementing the revised system for those that are currently using the system on-line, and any potential security issues that could result from a lower level of access protection. The staff should also consider an option applying a graduated approach by which information associated with Category 1 sources remains accessible under level 4 access controls.

The staff should continue its outreach efforts and report back to the Commission in six months with a progress report.

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The staff should implement metrics which will aid in quantifying improvements designed to enhance the program's ability to meet its objectives.

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